

Pages: these competent and respectful boys and girls in blue jackets are an important part of the work that goes on at the U.S. Capitol every day.

For more than 150 years, messengers known as "pages" have served the United States Congress. Currently, approximately 100 students serve as pages at any given time. Pages carry documents between the House and Senate, Members' offices, committees, and the Library of Congress. They also prepare the House and Senate chambers for each day's business by distributing the Congressional Record and other documents related to the day's agenda, assist in the cloakrooms and chambers. When Congress is in session, they sit near the dais where they may be summoned by Members for assistance.

Pages must be high school juniors and at least 16 years of age. Pages must be appointed and sponsored by a Member of Congress for one or two semesters of a school year or a summer session. Pages are compensated for their services, attend the accredited Page School and reside in the House Page Dormitory.

House leadership determines which Members of Congress are eligible to nominate a page on a rotating basis and a Member can nominate any student from their home state. Once sponsored by a Member, the Office of the Clerk communicates with the Member's office regarding the page application process.

Additional information about the [House Page Program](#) is available through the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Congressman Akin is not currently eligible to nominate a page. Details will be available through this website when the application process is open.